

Remarks

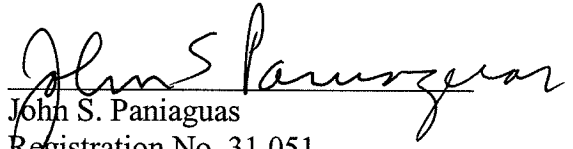
Upon entry of the Amendment, Claims 1-30 are pending. The Applicant notes with appreciation the withdrawal of the previous prior art rejection. Based upon the remarks below, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition of allowance.

Claim Rejections- Double Patenting

Claims 1-30 have been provisionally rejected based upon non-statutory obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-30 of co-pending application no. 11/647,928 in view of Wolf, “ Silicon Processing for the VLSI Era”, Lattice Press 1995. The Applicant respectfully traverses the double patenting rejection for two reasons. First, claims 2-30 were cancelled in application no. 11/647,928 by way of a Preliminary Amendment filed with the ‘928 application on Dec. 29, 2006. Second, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 1 is premature in that claim 1, based upon the current posted status on Private Pair, has not yet even been reviewed on the merits. That said, it is respectfully submitted that the double patenting rejection would make more sense in the ‘928 application. For all of the above reasons, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

KATTEN MUCHIN ROSENMAN LLP

By: 
John S. Paniaguas
Registration No. 31,051
Attorney for Applicant(s)

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP
1025 Thomas Jefferson Street N.W.
East Lobby: Suite 700
Washington, DC 20007-2047
(312) 902-5200
(312) 902-1061
Customer No.: 27160